

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 953

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A RESOLUTION to commend Minister Edrin LeQuori Alexander for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Edrin LeQuori "Corey" Alexander is one such stalwart servant of the Lord who renders faithful, selfless, and effective pastoral leadership to Columbus Baptist Church in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, born on September 25, 1976, Minister Alexander is a native of North Little Rock, Arkansas and the son of Edwin L. Alexander and Dorris K. Alexander; and

WHEREAS, realizing the importance of a formal education in fulfilling his God-given purpose in life, Corey Alexander graduated summa cum laude from Arkansas Baptist College with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies. He also holds a Master of Divinity degree and is currently pursuing his Doctor of Divinity degree through Slidell Baptist Seminary; and

WHEREAS, with the humility of a servant and the vision of a prophet, Minister Alexander eloquently communicated God's peace and provided hope to the flock at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church during his first sermon on September 28, 2003; and

WHEREAS, since earning his Certificate of License in 2003 and his Certificate of Ordination in 2005, Corey Alexander has served with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, using his gifts of teaching and preaching the Word to spread the Good News to his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual man who has used his education and personal faith to better his community, Corey Alexander has shared his spiritual insights with his fellow believers at numerous conferences and workshops and has been highly involved in a variety of religious organizations, including the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and the state and local Congress of Christian Education; and

WHEREAS, active in a number of civic activities, Minister Corey Alexander is a valuable member of the Arkansas Baptist College Alumni Association and the Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Minister Alexander is a member of the Arkansas Baptist College Dean's List and President's List and is the recipient of the Service Award from the City of Jacksonville, "Baddest Poet" Award from Arkansas Baptist College, and the Dr. Keaton Scholarship Award for excellent scholastic achievement in Religious Studies; and

WHEREAS, Corey Alexander is also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Minister Alexander has treasured many years of marital bliss with his lovely bride, Mrs. Tammie Sherelle Alexander, and is the proud father of their six extraordinary children; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Minister Alexander has demonstrated the utmost ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the many members of his congregation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the ministry of Minister Edrin LeQuori Alexander, commend him for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, salute his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living his life with courage and conviction, and wish him every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.